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- 1. AT MEETING MARCH 30 OF US SIDE OF S&T JOINT COMMISSION CHAIRED BY SCIENCE ADVISER-DESIGNATE FRANK PRESS, FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE MADE.
- 2. USG AGENCIES SUPPORTING PROJECTS UNDER S&T AGREEMENT

WILL REVIEW PROGRAM AND ESTIMATE FY 77-79 FUNDING BY MAY 2.

3. PANEL OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES UNDER DAVID PINES WILL REVIEW WORKING GROUP PROGRAMS FOR SCIENTIFIC MERIT AND SUGGEST NEW SUBJECTS FOR COOPERATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY MAY.

4. DR. PRESS WANTS TO VERIFY INTENTION OF AGENCIES (AND OMB) TO FUND PROJECTS BEFORE AGREEMENT IS RENEWED.

NEVERTHELESS, DEPARTMENT FULLY EXPECTS EXTENSION TO BE SIGNED BY MAY 23, PROBABLY WITH ONLY TECHNICAL CHANGES IN TEXT, AND WE ARE PROCEEDING ON THAT COURSE. DISCUSSION

AT MEETING SHOWED SOME SUPPORT FOR INCLUDING AT LEAST

REFERENCE TO FACILITATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF COOPERATION

UNDER OTHER AGREEMENTS BY OSTP AND SCST. SPECIFIC LANGUAGE IS BEING PREPARED. DECISION ON RENEWAL SIGNING CEREMONY IS ALSO PENDING.

- 5. THE US SIDE HAS DECIDED TO MEET AGAIN IN LATE MAY TO CONSIDER THE PINES AND AGENCY REVIEWS. THERE IS STRONG FEELING IN NATIONAL ACADEMY, OSTP, NSF AND ELSEWHERE THAT CLOSE SCRUTINY OF SCIENTIFIC CONTENT IS NECESSARY AS AGREEMENT ENTERS SECOND FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. DR. PRESS ASSIGNS HIGH PRIORITY TO CONTINUATION OF A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. THUS WHOLE COMMISSION CAN PROBABLY NOT MEET BEFORE LATE JUNE OR JULY.
- 6. ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES ACADEMICIAN KIRILLIN'S AVAILABILITY TO ATTEND COMMISSION MEETING DURING FIRST HALF OF MAY TO SIGN RENEWAL BEFORE MAY 14, THE PROPOSED PURELY SCIENTIFIC ASSESSMENT OF THE PROJECTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT REQUIRES MORE TIME THAN IS AVAILABLE BETWEEN NOW AND THEN.
- 7. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON FOREGOING IF PRESSED BY STATE COMMITTEE. DR. PRESS NOW PREPARING LETTER FOR DISPATCH TO KIRILLIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER HIS CONFIRMATION AND SWEARING-IN.

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